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Cognitive Processes

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-captioned application. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as described on page 3 of this amendment.

In the Claims

Please add new claims 7-9 as shown in the attached sheets (pages 4-5 of this amendment)

Please amend claims 1-6 as shown in the attached sheets (pages 6-7 of this amendment).

Remarks

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-9 are pending. Claims 1-6 have been amended. New claims 7-9 have been added. These claim amendments and additions are being made solely for purposes of placing the claims in a format appropriate for U.S. prosecution. Applicants submit that the amendments do not change the scope of the claims as originally filed. Such amendments are therefore made to address formalities in the claim format and are not related to the patentability of the subject matter of the claims. No new matter was added by way of these claim amendments and additions.


Conclusion

Applicants believe that the subject matter of the pending claims is patentable and that the instant application should accordingly be allowed. If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (203) 812-6450.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this application, please charge the fees to undersigned's Deposit Account No. 13-3372.

Respectfully submitted,

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